

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY **REGION 10** 1200 Sixth Avenue

Seattle, WA 98101

25 MAR 2005

Reply To Attn Of: ETPA-083

Ann Hanus, Director Oregon Department of State Lands 775 Summer Street, NE, Suite 100 Salem, OR 97301-1279

Re:

In the matter of Robert E. Kerivan and Bridgeview Vinyards, Inc.,

EPA Docket No. CWA-10-2005-0124

Dear Ms. Hanus:

This letter is to advise you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) intends to assess an administrative penalty of \$25,000, against Bridgeview Vineyards, Inc. and the company's owner, Robert E. Kerivan, for violations of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) associated with dredge and fill activities conducted by Bridgeview Vineyards, Inc. in Sucker Creek located near Cave Junction, Oregon, in November 2002.

Pursuant to section 309(g) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. §1319(g) and 40 C.F.R. § 22.38(b), EPA is providing to the State of Oregon the opportunity to consult with EPA on this proposed penalty. A copy of EPA's complaint is enclosed. To discuss any questions or comments you may have regarding this action, please contact Yvonne Vallette of the Oregon Operations Office at (503) 326-2716.

Sincerely,

Gary √oerman, Manager Aquatic Resources Unit

Enclosure

Yvonne Vallette, EPA, Oregon Operations Office cc:

John Lilly, DSL